

RUSSIAN MASSACRE IN SEBASTOPOL

Sailors Said to Have Mutinied Owing to Lieutenant Schmidt's Execution.

FORTRESS REPORTED FIRING ON CITY

Town Said to Be Almost Entirely in Flames and Officers of Garrison Imprisoned.

MOSCOW BANK IS LOOTED

Masked Men Enter Building, Cover Employes with Revolvers and Escape with \$432,000.

St. Petersburg, Tuesday.—Most sensational reports are current to-night that the execution of former Lieutenant Schmidt, which has made a deep impression throughout Russia, has been followed by an extensive mutiny of sailors at Sebastopol, the massacre of their officers and the fortress firing upon the city. The truth of the story is doubted, this being the "psychological moment" for the appearance of such wild reports. No press despatches confirming the story have been received, but if the report should prove to be true the absence of these might be accounted for by the imposition of a censorship.

The alleged news came in the form of two cipher telegrams to a prominent member of the social revolutionary party, such as the revolutionaries have sometimes been able to transmit through accomplices in the telegraph offices when the public, and even the government, has been unable to communicate. As translated and displayed at the offices of radical newspapers here the telegrams say briefly that the sailors, infuriated by the refusal of Emperor Nicholas to pardon Lieutenant Schmidt and their fellow sailors, rose in their barracks and seized and imprisoned the majority of their officers.

The despatches add that the city of Sebastopol is almost entirely in flames.

It is also stated that a student at the Technological Institute has received a similar telegram.

The Admiralty professes ignorance as to the occurrence of any such affair. The papers, in view of the menace of the new press law which provides that they may be closed for spreading false reports affecting the army or navy, are afraid to take any chances by publishing the story to-day.

The social democrats and revolutionaries of Moscow are mourning the death of Lieutenant Schmidt. Thousands of workmen to-day were on strike, and funeral services were held in the chapels of many factories. The population generally is also deeply affected. Russian masses have been said in several of the churches.

The boys of the St. Petersburg gymnasium struck to-day in order to compel the offering up of prayers in school for the repose of the soul of Lieutenant Schmidt.

The Russ prints a detailed account of the execution, from which it appears that when Schmidt received the news that the authorities had refused to pardon him, the death penalty was voted for the three sailors, his companions, saying they were so heartened by the news that they would die along with him. The condemned men were taken to the small deserted island of Borzina, and were shot at sunrise. Schmidt, according to the account, was a sailor of the cruiser Tretak, saying:

"I die for the Russian people and the fatherland, and many of you will be here after my death with head up and eyes open."

MASKED MAN ROB BANK OF \$432,000

Moscow, Tuesday.—The Credit Mutual, one of the largest banks in Moscow, was mysteriously robbed by masked men to-night. The robbers obtained \$432,000. The bank already developed the suspicion that the robbery was committed by or under the direction of some one at present or previously employed in the institution.

The bank is situated in Ilinsk street, in the heart of the city. The robbers entered the bank by a back door, leaving an inside guard of three men, while under the guard outside were a policeman and a soldier. The robbers were armed with revolvers and shotguns. They were quickly bound and gagged and thrown into a dark corner. The robbers then took up positions at the windows and doors. When all was ready the robbers showed through the windows the faces of the robbers. When all was ready the robbers showed through the windows the faces of the robbers. When all was ready the robbers showed through the windows the faces of the robbers.

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M. WITTE FOR HEAD OF TSAR'S COUNCIL

St. Petersburg, Tuesday.—The Reich today prints the report of Premier Witte's retirement, saying that it understands he will be appointed President of the Council of the Empire, leaving M. Durnovo, Minister of the Interior, to face the wrath of the National Assembly.

No confirmation of the reported intention of Count Witte to immediately retire from office is obtainable at the Premier's residence, but on the contrary the possibility of his relinquishing his task, pending the meeting of the National Assembly, is not admitted. In fact, there is a disposition to treat Count Witte's retirement as a council of the empire yesterday, as in the case of the former Minister of Finance, it is also denied that the count will resign. Witte's health is reported to be no worse than it has been for some time, and he is not constantly a sufferer, but no alarming symptoms have developed.

PRESIDENT ROUSED BY USE OF FORCE

Mr. Roosevelt Objected to Being Made to Appear Acting in Church Politics.

WROTE TO MRS. STORER

Was Asked by Wife of American Ambassador to Use Influence in Rome.

SPIRITED LETTERS PASSED

Retirement of Bellamy Storer from Diplomatic Service Follows the Correspondence.

HERALD BUREAU,
No. 734 FIFTH AVENUE, N. Y.,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Tuesday.

Additional light was thrown to-day on the remarkable series of events that preceded the retirement of Bellamy Storer as Ambassador of the United States to Austria.

It is stated that Mrs. Storer, in her ardent to advance the interests of the Catholic Church and obtain the appointment of an additional Cardinal for the United States, appealed to President Roosevelt. She advocated Archbishop Ireland for the position, and asked Mr. Roosevelt to use his influence in the Archbishop's behalf in Rome.

President Roosevelt wrote in reply that he would like to see Archbishop Ireland elevated, and caused it to come to the attention of high dignitaries in such a way that it appeared to be the wish of the President that the action should be taken.

When the information came across the sea that the President had been interested in himself to have Archbishop Ireland elevated, Mr. Roosevelt wrote to Vienna expostulating, and there was a spirited but friendly correspondence between him and the Embassy.

The President had to ask attention to his original note in which he said he would like to have Archbishop Ireland elevated, but could not meddle in such affairs, and he pointed out that the qualification had not been made use of in connection with the apparent endorsement of the proposed new Cardinal.

Other questions arose, and the administration found itself embarrassed in other ways, and the final result was that the connection of Mr. Storer with the diplomatic service ceased.

President Roosevelt has been annoyed at the incident, and also rather amused, and he laughed about it when he read the entire correspondence to the Cabinet in a recent meeting.

SLEW 7 MEN IN 3 MINUTES.

Foreman, Attacked by Laborers, Said to Have Mowed Them Down with Steel Bar.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.

BARTON, Va., Tuesday.—A foreman on the construction work of the South and Western Railroad, near Barton, N. C., was attacked by an infuriated band of Hungarian and Italian laborers engaged in work on the new road. Quickly arming himself with a large steel bar, he clubbed seven of them to death before they could retreat, the killing of the entire lot taking less than three minutes' time.

It is said that the trouble arose over an assumption on the part of the foreigners that the foreman was taking an unfair advantage of their inability to understand English. It is generally conceded that the whole slaughter of the foreigners by the foreman was justified by his imminent danger. It is feared that trouble will be encountered in the future by their fellow countrymen engaged in work on the new railroad.

TO LAUNCH CUBAN LINER.

New Steamship Mexico Will Leave the Ways at Norfolk To-morrow—Carries Gun Mounts.

At the yard of the Cramp Shipbuilding Company in Norfolk, Va., the new steamship Mexico, of the New York, Cuba and Mad Steamship line, will be launched to-morrow. Miss Katherine Williams Smith, daughter of Alfred G. Smith, general manager of the line, will be the sponsor of the new ship.

This vessel is a sister ship of the Merida launched last February. She will be placed in the service early next month under command of Captain Frank Stevens. The new vessels are designed to make a speed of 17 knots, have gun mountings for 11-inch guns, and are equipped to be converted, if required, into auxiliary cruisers.

HOUSE TIED BY RULES.

Cannot Raise Salary of a Coal Weigher in the Capitol.

HERALD BUREAU,
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It was discovered by the House of Representatives after a debate of more than an hour to-day that it has so construed its constitutional powers in its own rules that it cannot raise the salary of a \$720 coal weigher in the boiler room of the Capitol.

The Appropriations Committee had raised this employee's salary to \$840 a year in the legislative bill. The House rules prohibit such an increase should any member invoke a point of order against it. The point was raised, and it was sustained.

TEN INJURED IN WRECK.

Split Rail Ditches Train on Western Maryland Railroad.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.

YORK, Pa., Tuesday.—A split rail was the cause of a wreck on the Western Maryland Railroad near Porters Sliding this morning about twenty minutes after seven o'clock. Ten passengers and two trainmen were badly injured, and several coaches damaged. The train toppled over a ten foot embankment. The injured were W. M. Miller, Professor George W. Proctor, Mr. Harry Caldwell, Miss Irene M. Roberts, Professor Charles Albright, Robert Fickler, Grant Eckert, William Reed, Jesse Bell, Jacob Lawyer and Jesse Gilt.



WANTS BIG SHIPS WITH GREAT GUNS

SLIDES FOR LIFE SAVE 30 AT FIRE

J. D. ROCKEFELLER HOLDS HIS FORT

Admiral Dewey Advises Authorization of Two 18,000 Ton Battle Ships.

Paul Gaturra Rescues Ten Men from Burning Factory in Pearl Street.

Preserves Secrecy as to His Whereabouts, but It Is Known He Is in Fair Health.

SCORE ESCAPE BY APRON

BAFFLES PROCESS SERVERS

Foreman Strikes Frightened Workmen to Control Them and Swing Them One by One from Building.

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